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PATENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of inventor:

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For: NITRIC OXIDE-RELEASING METALLIC MEDICAL DEVICES

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

- Original (non provisional)
 Design
 Plant
 Divisional
 Continuation

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 USC 119(e), 120, or 121)

- The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application serial number 09/567579 filed May 10, 2000.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(Regular) or 37 CFR § 1.153 (Design Application)

- 22 pages of specification
3 pages of claims
3 sheets of drawings (do not submit original drawings)
(completed the following, if applicable)

The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 CFR 1.84(b).

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- 5 Pages of declaration and oath (informal)
1 Pages of abstract

4. Assignment

- An assignment of the invention to _____
 is attached. A separate "COVERSHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.
 will follow.

5. Fee CalculationA Regular application

CLAIMS AS FILED			
Number filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR § 1.16(a) \$710.00
Total Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(c))	14 - 20=0	x \$18.00=	
Independent Claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b))	4 - 3=0	1 x \$80.00=	80.00
Multiple dependent claims(s), if any (37 CFR § 1.16(d))		+ \$270.00=	0.00

- An amendment canceling extra claims is enclosed.
 An amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
 The fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time
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| B. | <input type="checkbox"/> Design application (\$330-37 CFR§1.16(f)) | \$ _____ |
| C. | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant application (\$540-37 CFR§1.16(g)) | \$ _____ |

6. Small Entity Statement(s)

- Statement(s) that this is a filing by a small entity under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 are attached.
(completed the following if applicable)
 Status as a small entity was claimed in prior application Serial No. 0 / _____, filed on _____, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under:

35USC § 119(e)
 120
 121
 365(c)

and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

- A copy of the statement in the prior application is included.

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7. Fee Payment Being Made at Time

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee for international-type search report
(\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(e)) | \$ _____ |
- Total fees enclosed \$ _____ 790.00

8. Method of Payment or Fees

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A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

9. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

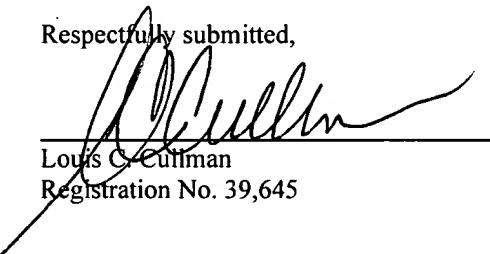
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 16-2230.
- 37 CFR §§1.16(a), (f), or (g) (Filing fees)
 37 CFR §§1.16(b), (c), and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
 37 CFR §§1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
 37 CFR §§1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to §1.136(a))
 37 CFR §§1.17 (application processing fees)
 37 CFR §§1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR§1.1311(b))

10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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Respectfully submitted,



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